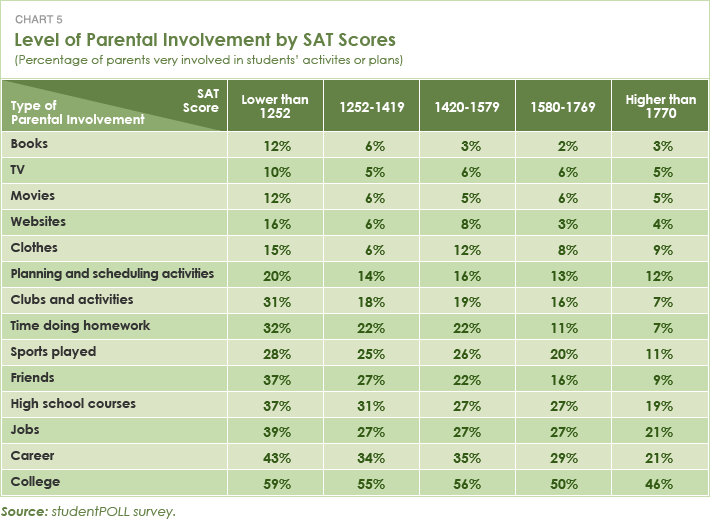
**Understanding Parenting through Graphs, Statistics, Charts, and Political Cartoons**

Evaluate the following data and consider the messages they send about how parenting impacts children’s behavior. You will need to use data from AT LEAST TWO OF THE SOURCES BELOW in your data-based persuasive essay on parenting.

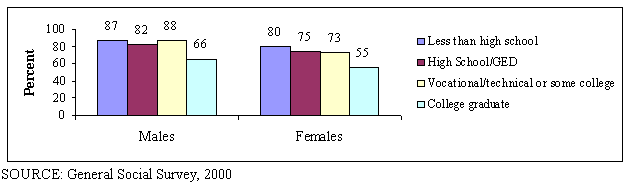
SOURCE ONE: Student Poll is published by the [College Board](http://professionals.collegeboard.com/) (<http://professionals.collegeboard.com/>)  
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1. Overall, does increased parental involvement tend to connect with HIGHER SAT scores or LOWER SAT scores?
2. Why do you assume this is?
3. What is one area that parents seem most involved in their children’s lives? Why is this area of parental involvement important?
4. Which parent from our reading who would seem to agree with the data in this chart?

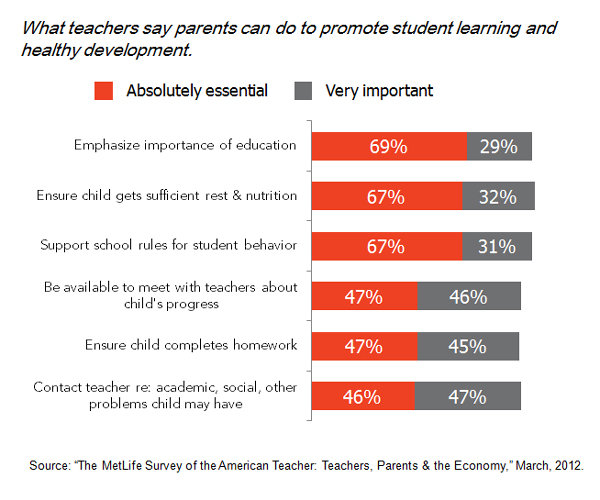
**SOURCE TWO:** *Phillips, D., & Shonkoff, J., eds. (2000). From neurons to neighborhoods: The science of early childhood development.* Washington D.C.: National Academy of Sciences.

**Percentage of men and women who agree that it is sometimes necessary  
to give a child a good hard spanking, by educational attainment: 2000**



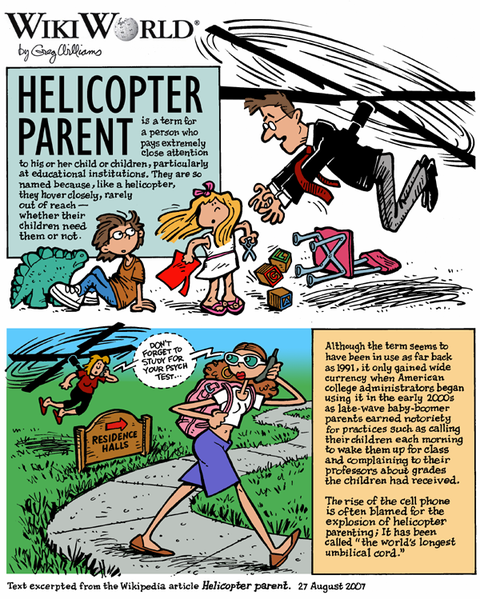
1. In general, do people with college degrees tend to agree with spanking more or less than people who have dropped out of high school?
2. Why do you think this is the case?
3. Overall, which groups tend to agree with spanking the most?
4. Which groups agree with it the least?
5. Which parent from our reading would seem to agree with the data in this chart that supports “hard spanking”? Opposes it?

SOURCE THREE: Citation at bottom.

**[](http://kettering.org/kfnews/files/2014/09/BtP_ParentInvolvement_Chart03.jpg)**

1. Based on this poll and the results shown in the chart, what is the most important thing that a parent can do, according to teachers, to help their chidren learn?
2. Which is the least important thing that a parent can do according to teachers?
3. Which parent from the shared texts who “agree” with the data about the importance of education? Why?

SOURCE FOUR: Citation at bottom

[](http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/6/67/Helicopter_WikiWorld.png)

1. When did the “helicopter parent” become popularly used? Is it a positive or negative term?
2. What behaviors are associated with helicopter parents? With their children?
3. Which parent in the shared texts seems the most unlike a helicopter parent?

SOURCE FIVE: (citation omitted) “Family Circus” by Bill Keane



1. Based on this political cartoon, how does it represent a parent’s decision to handle questions about religion?

2. Explain the mother’s answer. Now try to connect it to one of the themes in a shared text.

3. What might the cartoonist have to say about parents’ opinions on religion?

4. Which parent from the shared texts would “strongly disagree” with the viewpoint of the cartoonist?

5. Which parent from the shared texts would “agree” with the viewpoint of the cartoonist?